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Dear Doctor Kikkawa:

Your letter of the 17th of January has just been received. May I say first that you are too well known in this country through your work on the biochemical genetics of insects to require an identification such as presented in your letter.

I shall be pleased to exchange reprints with you, and shall send what I can under separate cover. Unfortunately, the supply is, in many cases, exhausted, although two of these papers (and several of other authors in related fields) have been reprinted as advertised in the enclosed circular.

Fortunately, there is in the press a rather comprehensive review of the work from this laboratory in the 1951 Cold Spring Harbor Symposium, which should be in print within a few months. I will be most happy to reserve a copy for you.

Of course you should have no hesitation in working with the K-12 strains, and I am delighted at your interest. If I can be of any further assistance in this respect, please let me know. I should be interested to learn just what material Dr. Demerec did give you, as it would facilitate any further possible discussion. The enclosed description of crossing procedures may possibly be of some immediate use to you.

Yours sincerely,


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